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Applicants submit herewith Form PTO-1449 listing the reference known to them. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner (1) initial the reference listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the Examiner has considered and made this reference of record in this application and (2) return a copy of the initialed Form PTO 1449 to Applicants. A copy of the reference is also enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by a Petition requesting consideration of the reference and withdrawal from issue as well as a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, it is believed that there is no fee due.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Place of Publication)

	C1		Coleman, P., "Epitope Analysis of a Novel Hepatitis B Surface Antigen Mutant", Antiviral Therapy 2000; 5 (Suppl. 1), pg. B.6 (10 <sup>th</sup> Intl. Symposium on Viral Hepatitis and Liver Disease, April 9-13, 2000, Atlanta, USA, (Abstract B008)

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EXAMINER: Initial citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

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## Addendum

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